

But the Next Morning I received the following Letter from him, by the Hand of a ragged Boy whom I knew not, *viz.*

To Mr. HUSBAND

*Sep. 23d, at Mr. Cate's.*

SIR,

I HAVE been ordered out of Town, under Pretence of being concerned with the Regulators, which probably may surprise you again; but I hope you will take Resolution, and not be scared by our Enemy, which is their only Scheme to defeat us; but you may depend I shall send Somebody in to be your Security, in Case a Bill should be found against you.

*Sir, Your sincere Friend and humble Servant,*

JOHN WILCOCKS.

Now I had not one Friend left; and I rid some Miles out into the Country, to get some word sent to my own neighbourhood, if possible, to get some of them to come and be Evidences for me, as well as to prosecute Officers, for I equally saw our Cause lost if we did not make Something appear this court against them.

There I met with another Letter from *Wilcocks*, to the Attorney-General, by which I found I need look for no help from that Quarter; for any Trust that he put in Attorney-General I was [48] now persuaded would fail. The Letter was at follows.

*September, 1768.*

To Mr. M'GUIRE, Attorney-General.

SIR,

This serves to inform you, there was Occasion for my leaving Town in a few Minutes Warning.—I must think I am very ill rewarded for all the Fatigue and Care, with the Risk of my Life and Estate, in order and for no other End but to accommodate so dangerous a Dispute.

As I had no other Occasion to be Security for *Husband* but to prevent Mischief, you, with the Court, cannot be unacquainted with my Industry in the Matter, and of their Encouragement to me for that Purpose, which I faithfully acted, as far as capable: However Envy and Malice may represent me to the Governor or Court, I am ready to answer for when called on. That you wont let me suffer for my good Intent,—and encourage *Husband* to stand his Ground